

d) Experimental: when they are used for studies, observations, tests or trials for the purpose of learning, testing or proving the efficiency, utility or functioning of any contrivance or constructed for air navigation.

Article 15. Aircraft shall have the nationality of the country in which they are registered for the purposes of air navigation.

Article 16. All aircraft in existence, constructed in, or imported into the Republic of Cuba, shall be registered by their owner with the Ministry of National Defense, whatever the purpose for which they are used, and their class and type, capacity, class of engine, horsepower, and speed, as well as their homeport shall be noted.

Article 17. In order to circulate in the air over the national territory and the jurisdictional waters, all private aircraft must be registered with the Ministry of National Defense and possess the authorization issued by that Ministry as well as a certificate of air worthiness for the aircraft, for the airdromes or airports used for landing and one of qualification of the pilots and other crew members. These documents must be countersigned by the commander of the aircraft.

For the same purpose, foreign aircraft, registered in their country of origin, must be registered with the Ministry of National Defense and must possess the documents listed in the preceding paragraph.

Article 18. In order to be registered or listed as specified in the preceding article, the operator of any aircraft shall declare the names of, and other general information regarding the persons composing the crew.

Any change or substitution, however temporary, of the personnel comprising the crew must be reported to the Ministry of National Defense on the same day or the next working day by the operator or owner of the aircraft or by his legal representative.

Article 19. Official aircraft shall bear emblems or distinguishing marks which will be determined by the competent authority, the use of which shall be Defense.

Private aircraft shall be distinguished by the mark of their nationality and registration which shall be prescribed by the Commission taking care that they are not susceptible of being confused with the official marks.⁷

It shall be obligatory for private aircraft to display visibly and in the manner and place determined by the Ministry of National Defense the marks of nationality and registration.

Foreign civilian aircraft shall carry the documents and display the marks and distinguishing characteristics provided for in the laws of the country to which they belong.

Article 20. In order to be registered in the Republic of Cuba, aircraft must belong to persons, companies, societies or institutions located in the national territory in conformity with, and subject to its laws.

Article 21. An aircraft which is registered in a foreign country may not be registered in the Republic of Cuba until it is duly proven that the former registration has been cancelled.

Nevertheless, the laws and provisions regarding the registration of vessels before consuls of the Republic abroad shall be applied to aircraft that are the property of Cuban citizens or companies. In such cases the owner must comply with all the requirements established in

⁷ Paragraph 2 was modified by Decree No. 695, May 28, 1930.